

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS****AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**Meeting Date: April 16, 2003Division: District IBulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☐Department: Mayor Dixie M. Spehar**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:**

Recognition to the Rural Health Network for being one of the twenty-four counties out of many hundreds to receive the coveted 2003 Acts of Caring Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for their Rural Health Dental Sealant Program.

**ITEM BACKGROUND:**

The Rural Health Dental Sealant Program was selected because of its accomplishments and the successful partnership between community volunteers and Monroe County government.

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:****CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:****STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

TOTAL COST: \_\_\_\_\_

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

COST TO COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE OF FUNDS: \_\_\_\_\_

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ AMOUNT PER MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_APPROVED BY: County Atty ☐ OMB/Purchasing ☐ Risk Management ☐

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Mayor Dixie M. Spehar

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☐ To Follow ☐ Not Required ☐

DISPOSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENDA ITEM # 01



March 12, 2003



The Honorable Dixie M. Spehar  
Monroe County Mayor  
500 Whitehead St.  
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Mayor Spehar:

Congratulations! Your program, "Rural Health Dental Sealant Program," has been chosen a winner of a 2003 Acts of Caring Award. There were many excellent programs that applied for awards this year. Your program was selected because of its accomplishments and the successful partnership between community volunteers and the county government.

NACo is honored to have the opportunity to recognize your hard work and dedication. A complete list of the award winners is enclosed for your information.

The awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 9 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 902 of the Hart Senate Office Building on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Breakfast will be served at the ceremony, which will end at approximately 10 a.m.

We will contact members of Congress who represent your state and county and invite them to the breakfast ceremony. I encourage you to invite them as well.

Because it is a breakfast ceremony, we are limited by space and funding. You may bring up to four officials, volunteers or staff to the ceremony. Please let NACo Public Affairs Director Tom Goodman know who and how many officials and staff from your county will attend the awards ceremony. He can be contacted by phone at 202/942-4222 or by email at [tgoodman@naco.org](mailto:tgoodman@naco.org). If you have photos of your programs, please send them to Tom Goodman as well.

I look forward to seeing you at the ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry E. Naake".

Larry E. Naake  
Executive Director



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Health**

*Celebrating 10 Years of Service in Monroe County*

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## **Dental Sealant Program Interim Report - 2003**

The third series of dental sealant activities is in progress with Miami Children's Hospital Dental Center, The Monroe County Health Department and The Rural Health Network having visited Key Largo School and Stanley Switlik thus far. Still to be visited is Sugarloaf School.

**A total of 116 new students received a total of 317 sealants.**

**Twenty-four children between the two schools were classified as Critical, requiring immediate care to prevent emergency care.**

In addition to providing the sealants, and oral exams, fluoride varnish was applied on each tooth of each student that was seen during this program.

A total of 68 referrals were made from the newly seen students. This amounts to 59% of the children seen. It is not known how many of those students will actually be seen by a dentist within the coming months. Efforts have been made to have the Upper Keys children seen at Miami Children's Hospital Dental Center, while two dental care weekends were recently conducted at the Rural Health Dental Clinic wherein 41 of the children with the most critical dental need were seen.

With Key Largo School being the site of the Pilot Program for Dental Sealants a total of 67 re-checks\* were completed. **No sealants were found to have failed.**

**\*Note:** It has been determined that approximately 25% of the children previously participating in this program have moved from the Florida Keys.

The continued partnership with the Monroe County Health Department, Miami Children's Hospital and Rural Health Network has been one filled with increased dental care for the children of Monroe County. As Community Outreach Director for The Rural Health Network I look forward to our continued partnership for the continued improvement of our children's health in Monroe County's.

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**NACo is pleased to announce the 2003 Acts of Caring Award Winners****Arts & Culture****Category 1**

Summit Artspace

Summit County, Ohio

**Civic Education & Public Information****Category 2**

Brevard County Volunteer Management Team

Brevard County, Florida

**Criminal Justice****Category 1**

Volunteer Interpreter Program

Fairfax County, Virginia

**Category 2**

Community Court

Mercer County, Pennsylvania

**Category 3**

Juvenile Learning Mentor Program

DeKalb County, Illinois

**Elderly Services****Category 1**

Council on Aging

Orange County, California

**Category 2**

Violence Intervention Partnership

Cumberland County, Maine

**Category 3**

TRIAD

Woodford County, Illinois

**Environment****Category 1**

Waterfest

Hamilton County, Ohio

**Category 2**

County Clothing Center

Portage County, Ohio

**Category 3**

County-Wide Litter Program

Hickman County, Tennessee

**Health Services****Category 2**

Health Share Community Partnership

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania

**Category 3****Rural Health Dental Sealant Program****Monroe County, Florida****Libraries****Category 1****Families for Literacy****Orange County, California****Category 2****Home Delivery Service****Stanislaus County, California****Parks & Recreation****Category 1****Gulf Beaches Historical Museum****Pinellas County, Florida****Category 2****Arbor Day Celebration at the Tree of Life Park****Hamilton County, Tennessee****Programs for Children & Youth****Category 1****Project Success****Fairfax County, Virginia****Category 2****Safe Kids****Johnson County, Kansas****Category 3****Camp Rainbow of Hope****Oswego County, New York****Social Services****Category 2****Success in 1000 Days****Collier County, Florida****Category 3****Volunteer Home Repair Referral Project****Hanover County, Virginia****Youth Literacy Mentoring Award****Storytime****Orange County, California****Youth Service Award****Project Success****Fairfax County, Virginia**

**The Legacy Award for Innovation and Excellence will be chosen from these programs and announced at the awards ceremony on April 9.**